

## OYSTER PIRATES ON ROCKAWAY MAIN.

They Board the Good Ship  
Lena and Capture Two  
Able Seamen.

BOUND HAND AND FOOT.

Dawson and Davis Assaulted for  
Talking Back and Cast Upon  
Dry Land Helpless.

WERE PROTECTING THE BEDS.

Went Out to Commune with Nature  
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"You're dead right. Shorten sail and ease up."

It required but a few seconds to deprive the Lena of her sailing power, and Bill and Charles, certain in the opinion that a man who would not protect oysters from buccaniers was no gentleman, pulled their coats around their ears and awaited developments.

What occurred during the rest of that eventful night was told yesterday by Davis, who lives, when he is not out oystering, at No. 203 New Jersey avenue, East New York.

This is his tale of that night of woe:

"All of a sudden, just as though it had come from our own bow, a voice sang out: 'Heave ho, and be lively about it.' The next instant the bow of the boat touched our side and two men scrambled over our gunwales."

"I jumped up to defend myself and yelled to Bill to stand by and fight back. The next thing I recollect was that Bill got three upper cuts on the ear, a punch in the jaw and as he went down some one swung on his belt. I pushed one of my assailants back, but he came up again with a regular Fitzsimmons hook and landed on my mouth about four times, so it seemed. I fell over against Bill, who was trying to get under one of the seats. I guess he thought I was mixing things up with him myself and banged me in the eye just to remind me that he was still fighting. By this time we had decided that they were too much for us and that if there was any oysters around there that they really wanted they were at liberty to help themselves."

"You're guys," said one of the men whom I did not recognize, "is doing the whole act around this strip of water a little too plentiful of late and we ain't disposed to stand it. It's about time something was done to impress on you that this here district ain't no dead clunch for one combination." Bill started to explain that his uncle was the owner of those particular oyster beds and before he had got it half out of his mouth another one of the gang shoved his face up into Bill's and told him he would leave him overboard if he didn't take a lay off for a spell. Bill talked back and I talked back, and we tried to get hold of a steering oar, but just about the time I thought we had the best of it I got another smash in the mouth and one or two on the head. That was all I remember of what occurred in the boat."

"The next morning I heard voices, along with a creak, and looking up I saw 'Bill' of Rockaway, pouring whiskey down my throat. When I came to and got strong enough to ask some questions I learned that 'Bill' and 'Bill' of Rockaway had found us on the sand strip known as Rockaway Point."

"Bill" had come to some time before I did, but his hands were tied behind his back and he had kicked around in the sand trying to get loose. His mouth was swollen up, and I felt as though I had been dropped out of a balloon. For some unaccountable reason we had been placed on the sand above high tide, and the catboat was tied to a stake just off the point a few feet."

"We held a caucus after we got on our feet and rubbed the circulation back into our limbs where we had been tied with the manilla net ropes, which were wrapped around our hands and feet. You can see the marks yet. My lip is still swollen and two of my teeth are loose. Poor old 'Bill' is in a bad shape. He can't shave and his head is bruised where he must have received an ear. 'Big Dick' and Cahill promised to say nothing about it, but everybody in Rockaway makes remarks at us wherever we go, and they are spreading the news as fast as possible. The next time you catch me protecting other people's oysters just hit me before I start."

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Boys hitherto bad, but who had been good for a whole year attended the circus in Madison Square Garden yesterday afternoon. That was their promised reward of merit.

Some of those youngsters—and they numbered 110—had never before seen Barnum & Bailey's nor any other show; some had never been further east than Tenth avenue. There was one girl, only one, in that delighted company, a pretty little wisp of childhood, with large, eloquent eyes that looked right at you. She was Miss Lillie Retchford, and she lives at No. 538 West Forty-ninth street.

She is a new girl, and all last winter when her father was unemployed she sold papers and supported not only herself, but six others in the family. It was probably the first outing, the first real recreation that she ever enjoyed.

"Is he going to take me away?" she asked with quivering voice, as a man approached and spoke to one of the teachers.

**Not a Gerry Agent.**

"No, dear," said one of the teachers, reassuringly. "He is not a Gerry man."

You ought to have seen those boys and that girl. They were seated in three sections of the gallery, each one proud of the fact that he had not played 'hookey' the last year.

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How their eyes bulged when the Japanese acrobat slid down the wire.

"He'll be hurt, sure!" exclaimed little "Rockie," as he sprang to his feet and clasped his hands.

"Look at dem fellers over dere," cried Frazer, who had a piece of cloth on his face with which to support his trousers, and he pointed at the bareback riders.

skipped over the banners and alighted on the backs of the galloping horses, and the little newgirl clapped her hands.

**Joy of a Bad Boy.**

So did one boy who has been arrested seven times for petty offenses, one of the thirty-five that never had crossed Broadway before. Mrs. Alger was assisted in managing the boys by Mrs. Lillian, of Grammar School No. 60, and Miss Levy, of Grammar School

No. 67. Mrs. Alger has made a study of boys.

"There are three sides," she said, "to every boy, the home side, the street side and the school side. Each one has to be carefully studied in order to win them. I succeed in winning, I believe, because I try to make myself one of them, even to adopting their style of speech; yes, even their slang."

When the show closes its engagement next Saturday night and makes its customary visit to Brooklyn it will not, contrary to all precedents, exhibit in any New Jersey town this season. The show will go from Brooklyn to Baltimore direct, and no stop will be made between those cities.

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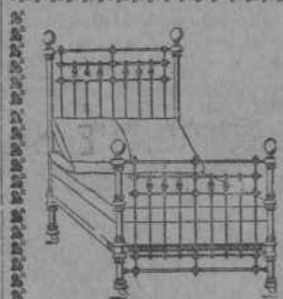
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